

## **AGENDA**

### **CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTOMETRISTS**

**Wednesday, September 19, 2012  
9:00 AM**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut  
Conference Room 3-C**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

**I.** Welcome new Board members

**II. MINUTES**

Review and approval of the minutes of the May 16, 2012 meeting.

**III. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES**

**A. Licensure**

*Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations, DPH*

- Continuing Education
- Board Certification

**B. Investigations Update**

*Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, DPH*

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

Change meeting times to 10:00 a.m.

**V. ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

#### **ADJOURN**

*The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.*

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on **May 16, 2012** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the third floor hearing room.

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:     Neil Malkin, O.D. – *via telephone*  
   Joseph Pavano, III, OD – *via telephone*  
   Henry W. Siegrist. – *via telephone*  
   John Sienko, O.D. – *via telephone*

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:     Jason Van Stone  
   Regina A. Strand, O.D.

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Dr. Malkin called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**I.     Minutes**

Dr. Sienko made a motion, seconded by Dr. Pavano, to approve the February 15, 2012, meeting minutes. The motion passed.

**II.    Department of Public Health Updates**

Licensure

The Board had discussion with Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations regarding a level of licensure for Optometrists who use the designation of "Board Certified". Ms. Filippone stated that to do so would require a statutory change. This not something that DPH would be interested in pursuing.

The consensus of the Board is that adding a new level of licensure is not necessary.

DPH will notify the Board if any entities express an interest in pursuing this.

The Board also discussed continuing education. The Board feels that courses approved by Council on Optometric Practitioner Education (COPE) are sufficient for fulfilling CEU requirements. The Board is not interested in having the authority to approve courses. DPH will research the requirements in other States regarding the CEU approval process, and report back to the Board.

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported there are five cases involving optometrist being investigated by the DPH, three of which are being reviewed by consultants. One additional case has been referred to the Department's legal office for further review.

**III.   Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Pavano, III, O.D  
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists